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UNCLASSIFIED/N O N W D/N A R R. DOE STAFF PLANS TO REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR/TRUST TERRITORY PLANS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL REHABILITATION OF ENEWETAK ATOLL. A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE SOIL CONCENTRATIONS OF SR⁹⁰ AND CS¹³⁷ ON THE ISLANDS IN THE ENEWETAK ATOLL AS COMPARED WITH THOSE IN THE BIKINI ATOLL SHOWS THAT ISLANDS ALONG THE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF ENEWETAK ATOLL HAVE SOIL CONCENTRATIONS APPROXIMATING THOSE AT BIKINI AND ENEU ISLANDS. SPECIFICALLY, THESE ISLANDS ARE MIJIKADREK THROUGH BILLAE FOR WHICH THE PLANTING OF COCONUT TREES IS PLANNED. PARA. THE PLANNING BASIS ENVISIONED FOR ENEWETAK INCLUDED USE OF THESE ISLANDS FOR COPRA PRODUCTION. IN VIEW OF THE MORE RECENT DATA WHICH HAS BECOME AVAILABLE SINCE THE ORIGINAL AGRICULTURAL PLAN WAS PROPOSED, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE UPTAKE OF CESIUM IN COCONUTS AND THE ROLE WHICH COCONUTS HAVE IN THE LIFE STYLE OF THE PEOPLE, WE PLAN A MAJOR REVIEW OF THIS MATTER. A DELAY IN THE H&N SCHEDULE FOR PLANTING COCONUTS IN ANY ISLANDS BEYOND THE SOUTHERN ISLANDS IS RECOMMENDED.

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